

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2022

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by [your name, call sign and QTH]

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In the news today:

THE SARL HF PHONE CONTEST THIS AFTERNOON

GIVING BACK TO THE CLUBS

and

THE SARL YL QSO PARTY ON TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

We begin this bulletin with news of a silent key.

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Rod Radford, ZS5RK/ZL1RK went silent on Thursday 4 August 2022. We extend our condolences to his wife Rose, ZS5RR; Don, ZS5DR and the family in New Zealand and South Africa.

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THE SARL HF PHONE CONTEST THIS AFTERNOON

The SARL HF Phone Contest will be on the air from 14:00 to 17:00 UTC this afternoon. The activity is spread over three periods – 20 m between 14:00 and 14:30 UTC, 40 m between 15:00 and 16:00 UTC and 80 m between 16:30 and 17:00 UTC. The 20 m frequency segment is correct in the Blue Book – it has been like that for more than 20 years. You have a choice of four categories of participation. YL and Youth participants are asked to mark their log sheets with YL or Youth. If you wrote the RAE in October 2021 or May 2022, please

add your exam date to your log sheet. All the information is on page 62 of the 2022 SARL Contest Manual. Please read the rules before the contest and check the General Rules for what a single operator and multi-operator is. Don't just give away points, submit your log!

THE NARC IS CLOSED ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Kelley Dorey has informed that SARL News Team that the National Amateur Radio Centre will be closed on Monday 8 and Wednesday 10 August. The office will be open on Thursday 11 August.

GIVING BACK TO THE CLUBS

At the Council meeting on 19th July, two requests for funds from the Club Scheme (Motion 2022-05 of the 2022 AGM) were discussed. The Secunda ARC will be supported for their Lesotho DXpedition in November and Bernie, ZS4TX, will be supported for the D2TX EME DXpedition to Angola in August.

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COMPETITION NEWS

The second leg of the SARL YL QSO Party runs from 12:00 to 13:00 UTC on Tuesday 9 August - Women's Day. The exchange is a RS(T) report and YL or OM. It is a CW and phone QSO Party on the 40-metre band. Contacts between YL stations are worth 6 points; between YL and OM stations are worth 3 points and between OM stations are worth 1 point. Logs in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel must be submitted by 21:59 UTC on Sunday 14 August 2022 by e-mail to zs3vdk@webmail.co.za.

The second leg of the SARL Youth QSO Party will run from 12:00 to 13:00 UTC on Saturday 13 August, celebrating International Youth Day on 12 August. This is a CW and phone QSO Party on the 40-metre band and the exchange is a RS(T) report and the operator's age. Contacts between stations 26 and younger are worth 5 points; between stations under 26 and over 26 are worth 2 points and between stations 27 and older are worth 1 point. Submit your log in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel by 21:59 UTC on Thursday 18 August 2022 by e-mail to zs3vdk@webmail.co.za. The age of the operator must be shown on the summary sheet.

The SARL HF Digital Contest will be on the air from 14:00 to 17:00 UTC on Sunday 14th August. The activity is spread over three periods – 20 m between 14:00 and 14:30 UTC, 40 m between 15:00 and 16:00 UTC and 80 m between 16:30 and 17:00 UTC.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently 4 sunspots with simple magnetic configurations visible. There is a low probability for C-class and a very low probability for M-class flaring. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 52. The 15 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun, especially in late afternoons. Please visit the website www.spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

This afternoon – the SARL HF Phone contest
8 August – a school holiday
9 August – Women’s Day and the SARL YL QSO Party
12 August – International Youth Day
12 and 13 August – the Perseids meteor shower
13 August – the SARL Youth QSO Party
14 August – the SARL HF Digital contest
20 and 21 August – the International Lighthouse and Lightship weekend
27 August – the SARL 40m Club contest
28 August - the SARL HF CW contest

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to include in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Friday preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio program, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and relayed on 7 082 kHz lower sideband by Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

You have listened to a news bulletin written by Dennis Green, ZR6BP,
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From the news team, best wishes for the week ahead.